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Docket No. 2705-162**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re application of: **Reginald J. Reed, et al.**Serial No. **09/895,434**Examiner: **Jean Gilles, Jude**Confirmation No. **7590**Filed: **June 29, 2001**Group Art Unit: **2143****RECEIVED**
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**JAN 06 2005**For: **STANDARDIZED METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
GATHERING DEVICE IDENTIFICATION AND/OR CONFIGURATION
INFORMATION VIA A PHYSICAL INTERFACE**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**DECLARATION TO OVERCOME A CITED PUBLICATION (37 C.F.R. 1.131)**

1. The person making this declaration is **Reginald J. REED**, representative inventor of the above-referenced patent application ("Application").
2. Certain claims of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/895,434 are currently rejected in view of certain prior art, *inter alia*, under 35 USC §102(e) in view of U.S. Pat. 6,681,232 (Sistanizadeh). Sistanizadeh has a filing date in the United States ("Effective Date") of June 7, 2000.
3. Conception of the invention that is the subject of the claims in the present application occurred prior to the Effective Date of the Sistanizadeh patent as evidenced by the attached Invention Disclosure document (Exhibit A) submitted internally at Cisco on April 19, 2000.
4. Work on the invention was conducted continuously from a date prior to the Effective Date, until the date of filing of the above referenced patent application, and thereafter.

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Dated: 12/31/2004